

Minutes

Kingston Fire District
Board of Wardens' Meeting
25 August 2011

Present: Wardens Elizabeth McNab, Vincent Rose and Ina Sciabarrasi, Treasurer Carleen Lefebvre, Tax Collector Linda Mendillo, , Chief Nathan Barrington, District Manager Jodi Hall, Tax Assessor Dorald Beasley and Firefighter James McMahon.

Absent: Wardens Donald Cobb and Robert Ferraro and Robert Drapeau, Director of Public Safety & Emergency Management URI.

Call to Order: President McNab called the Board of Wardens' Meeting to order at 6:32 pm

Information/Comments/Questions from the Public: There was no information, comments or questions from the public.

Tax Rate for 2011

- **Assessment 2011**

Motion: Rose made and Sciabarrasi seconded a motion to accept the Tax Assessor's Report.

Assessor Beasley presented the tax assessment for 2011. There was no further discussion or questions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Rose made and Sciabarrasi seconded a motion to approve a tax rate of eighty three cents (.83) per thousand with a total projected income for fire tax to be Two Hundred One Thousand Seven Hundred Ten 00/100 Dollars (\$201,710).

Tax Collector Mendillo spoke briefly on the rate to be set in order for the District to meet the budget for 2011/2012. There was no further discussion or questions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Wardens' Meeting: June 23, 2011

Motion: Rose made and Sciabarrasi seconded a motion to accept Minutes from the Wardens' Meeting: July 28, 2011

The Board reviewed the Minutes. There was no further discussion or questions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Wardens' Workshop: August 11, 2011

Motion: Sciabarrasi made and Rose seconded a motion to accept Minutes from the Wardens' Workshop: August 16, 2011.

The Board reviewed the Minutes. There was no further discussion or questions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Wardens' Meeting: June 23, 2011

Motion: Rose made and Sciabarrasi seconded a motion to accept Minutes from the Special Wardens' Meeting: August 16, 2011

The Board reviewed the Minutes. There was no further discussion or questions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Tax Collector's Report:

Motion: Sciabarrasi made and Rose seconded a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report.

Mendillo presented the Tax Collector's Report. Mendillo reviewed the fees that are paid when putting properties up for tax sale. Ultimately the fees are paid by the property owner. It was discussed to wait until January/February to present the properties for tax sale. There was no further discussion or questions.

The motion passed unanimously.

URI Report: Drapeau was not present therefore there was no report or motions made.

Chiefs' Report:

Motion: Sciabarrasi made and Rose seconded a motion to accept the Chiefs' Reports.

Barrington presented a verbal report. The basis of the report was to go over the preparations being made for the anticipated arrival of Hurricane Irene. Barrington has been meeting with the Town and URI. The primary shelter will be at South Kingstown High School. There will not be a shelter at The Ryan Center. The Fire Command Post will be at Station 1 in Peace Dale for fire dispatch. There will be no pumping of basements by the fire departments until at least Wednesday, unless it is deemed an emergency situation. Evacuation notices will be going out on Friday, August 26th. South Kingstown EMS will also have EMT's and a Rescue running out of the District.

The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion: Rose made and Sciabarrasi seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Lefebvre presented the Treasurer's Report. She mentioned she has been in contact with a person at Washington Trust to review our options for maintaining multiple accounts at the same bank that will also be covered if a bank goes into foreclosure. A balance in checking or savings over \$250,000 is not covered. Having money in short term CDs was an option however, the interest rate is quite low. The report was reviewed and brief discussion was held. There was no further discussion or questions.

The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee up-date: The next scheduled meeting is October 27, 2011. There was no motion made.

New Business:

Financing for Heavy Rescue Apparatus – approval of Resolution

Motion: Sciabarrasi made and Rose seconded a motion to approve the Resolution for the Financing for the Heavy Rescue as presented.

The Resolution was presented to the Board. It was reviewed and there was no further discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Consolidating Financing

Motion: Rose made and Sciabarrasi seconded a motion to table the discussion on Consolidating Financing.

Brief discussion was held and it was determined that more input was needed from the other absent Board Members and to gather more information on all the financing. Hall will be gathering the information regarding outstanding financing.

The motion to table passed unanimously.

138 Project

Motion: Sciabarrasi made and Rose seconded a motion to approve the writing of a letter from the Board to the Town of South Kingstown for a safety review for safety vehicles for the 138 Project.

Discussion regarding the 138 Project commenced. Some of the serious issues touched on is that there will be no access for fire apparatus in certain areas such as the church and Potter Lane. The project assumes that the largest fire apparatus in either fire district is approximately 24 feet long. In reality the longest is approximately 46 feet long. Throughout the years the District has written letters disputing the project plan for safety issues, to no avail. It was decided that the Board would write a letter to the Town of South Kingstown for a safety review of the 138 Project.

The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: There was no old business on the Agenda. No motion was made

Communications: There were no further communications.

Information: The information was reviewed. No motions were made.

- Auditors at KFD September 7th, 8th & 9th
- Blood Drive at KFD November 19, 2011

Next Meetings and Events:

- September 08, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the KFD Station – Wardens’ Workshop CANCELLED
- September 22, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the KFD Station – Monthly Wardens’ Meeting
- October 13, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the KFD Station – Wardens’ Workshop
- October 27, 2011 at 9:00 AM at the KFD Station – Finance Committee Meeting
- October 27, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the KFD Station – Monthly Wardens’ Meeting

Adjournment:

Motion: Rose made and Sciabarrasi seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Hall
District Manager